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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: REFERENCE TO TAA ON
DOMESTIC ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS AND EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS

REF: CANBERRA 2204

1. SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE (SMOS) ANNOUNCED JULY 4
THAT HE HAD REFERRED TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY
(TAA) THE QUESTION OF WHETHER URGENT ACTION IS NECESSARY TO
PROTECT LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AGAINST IMPORTS OF ROOM AIR
CONDITIONERS AND EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS.

2. AS STATED IN REFTEL, THE U.S. IS A SIGNIFICANT
SUPPLIER OF THESE GOODS. FOR THIS REASON, U.S. MANUFACT-
URERS AND/OR THEIR LOCAL AGENTS, SHOULD BE URGED TO PRESENT
SUBMISSIONS TO THE TAA HEARINGS, WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN
CANBERRA JULY 15. IF POSSIBLE, INTENDING WITNESSES ARE
REQUESTED TO SUBMIT COPIES OF THEIR EVIDENCE TO THE TAA,
ATTN: N.V. WATSON, IAC BUILDING, CANBERRA 2600 AUSTRALIA,
PRIOR TO THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

3. THE TAA HAS THIRTY DAYS FROM DATE OF HEARING IN WHICH
TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT. PROTECTION CAN TAKE THE FORM OF
TEMPORARY DUTIES, TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON
IMPORTS OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH. LOCAL IMPORTERS HAVE
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BEEN CAUTIONED AGAINST PLACING FIRM ORDERS AS, IF PROTECTION

IS RECOMMENDED BY TAA AND ACCEPTED BY GOA, GOODS ORDERED OVERSEAS BUT NOT CLEARED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION AT DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THAT ACTION. WITH REGARD TO EMBASSY'S COMMENT IN REFTEL PARA 3 TO EFFECT THAT IMPORTS OF EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS HAVE VIRTUALLY CEASED, SMOS INDICATED IN JULY 4 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT REFERENCE BASED ON "APPARENT HIGH LEVEL OF STOCKS OF ROOM AIR CONDITIONS AND TO A LESSER EXTENT EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS CURRENTLY HELD, AND THE RESULTING POSSIBILITY OF INJURY TO LOCAL INDUSTRY FROM IMPORTS FOR THE 75-76 SELLING SEASON."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC AND INFO ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS OR LOCAL AGENTS, RESPECTIVELY, OF THIS REFERENCE AND TO DRAW TO THEIR ATTENTION OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE TO TAA HEARINGS.
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